

**EMD Serono, Inc.**  
**Plan to Support Safe Needle Collection and Disposal**  
**for Rebif® (interferon beta-1a)**

EMD Serono is committed to meeting the needs of patients and the communities in which they live. Prior to initiating our plan, EMD Serono conducted a pilot program of patients taking Rebif. Based on feedback from this pilot program we developed a plan to support the safe collection and disposal of waste devices in support of California Senate Bill 486 for the residents of California.

***I. Providing for Effective Safe Needle Collection and Disposal***

EMD Serono is working with a third-party organization to support the safe collection and disposal of waste devices. This program developed by EMD Serono will offer California residents taking Rebif® (interferon beta-1a) the opportunity to participate in a free safe collection container mail-back program. The following items will be provided to California residents taking Rebif upon request:

- Introduction kit consisting of 2 collection containers and mail-back packaging.
- Replacement containers with mail-back packaging after the resident has mailed back previously-supplied collection containers.

California residents who are taking Rebif may enroll in this program by calling MS LifeLines toll free at 877-447-3243. Containers may be subject to availability.

***II. Educating Patients***

EMD Serono will place information about the sharps disposal ban in California on our company Web site in order to educate patients and the greater community. We will also proactively reach out to patient and professional organizations in the state of California to make them aware of EMD Serono's plan to support the safe collection and disposal of waste devices. We will encourage patients to call our toll-free support service, MS LifeLines, for any questions that they have related to Rebif and the safe collection and disposal of related waste devices.

Further, we will educate patients initiating Rebif therapy through telephone outreach and during injection training via our Nurses about our plan. In addition to informing them of the organization's plan, we will also make them aware of the local CA resources available through CalRecycle Sharps and Medication Disposal Directory available at the following: (<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/homehazwaste/HealthCare/Collection/Default.aspx>)

***III. Coordinating with California Organizations***

EMD Serono will work with organizations to make them aware of the company's commitment and support of the safe collection and disposal of waste devices. We will proactively reach out to organizations in the state of California to make them aware of EMD Serono's plan. In addition, we will seek feedback from these local organizations on our plan to better understand how we can meet the needs of CA residents.

#### ***IV. Involving Consumers and the Community***

As part of our on-going commitment to meeting the needs of patients, EMD Serono will work to obtain feedback from existing Rebif patients on our plan to support the collection and disposal of waste devices.

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